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**HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE
DAY!**



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retire is before
it's too late to
have a good
time."**

- Author unknown

SMILES FOR THE TRANSITION ☺

- Contributed by CTC Clients with great senses of humor!

Your faithful editor is tired of being serious and is breaking the mold a little here. Here follow many of the wonderful jokes you sent us. Be warned that there is probably something here to offend everybody, so please take them all with a grain of salt!! Here's hoping you will enjoy a few grins!



1. RETIREMENT

Where To Live After Retirement *(Author unknown)*

As we all know, sometimes we come face to face with the fact that it may be time to retire, which often requires one to relocate. The big question is where to? Here are some tips.

You can live in Phoenix, Arizona where.....

1. You are willing to park 3 blocks away because you found shade.
2. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
3. You can drive for 4 hours in one direction and never leave town.
4. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
5. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door.
6. The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!

You can Live in California where...

1. You make over \$250,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
3. You know how to eat an artichoke.
4. You drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood

block party.

5. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.

You can Live in New York City where...

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
2. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
3. You think Central Park is "nature."
4. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multilingual.
5. You've worn out a car horn.
6. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

You can Live in Maine where...

1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco.
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for moose.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

You can Live in the Deep South where...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.
3. "He needed killin' " is a valid defense.
5. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Sue, Betty Jean, Mary Beth, etc.

You can live in Colorado where...

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your spouse to pick up Gra-

nola on his way home and he stops at the day care center.

3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.

4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

You can live in the Midwest where...

1. You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different!"

OR, You can live in Florida where..

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind -- even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you are often driven by headless people.
6. The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and snowbirds

"Retirement at 65 is ridiculous.
When I was 65, I still had
pimples!"

- George Burns



Investing For Your Retirement

(Author unknown)

If you had purchased \$1000.00 of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00.

With Enron, you would have had \$16.50 left of the original \$1,000.00.

With WorldCom, you would have had less than \$5.00 left.

But, if you had purchased \$1,000.00 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminum recycling refund, you would have had \$214.00.

Based on the above, current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle. It's called the 401-Keg Plan.



"You see standing before you
a barely living example
Of the wild life's do's and don'ts
But the danger is not
that the fast life's gonna kill you
The real danger is that it won't

I never expected to last this long
it caught me completely by surprise
I'd put aside enough to let me live just fine
But I never guessed I'd last past 49

I thought by now
my friends would be toastin' my memory
While the devil roasted my soul
But it's just my luck I outlived my bucks
It's the saddest story ever told
Lord, how could I have got this old"

- "I Never Expected" written by Shel Silverstein,
sung by Jennings, Tillis, Bare, & Reed
on the "Old Dogs" album

The Days Of Our (Retired) Lives (Author unknown)

Working people always ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well for example, the other day I went into DC and stopped at a favorite book

store on DuPont Circle. I was only in there for about 10 minutes.

When I came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on Officer, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket.

I called him a Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires.

So I called him a piece of stinking dog poop. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first.

Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes.

The more names I called him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, I didn't really care. I came downtown by bus.

I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important at my age.

"The best time to start
thinking about your retirement is
before the boss does."

- Author Unknown



Grad Recommends Topic For The Retirement Planning Seminar

"What with the lawn mower, leaf blower, weed trimmer, wood chipper and pressure washer I find that I have become entirely too intimate with small internal combustion engines. I think you all should include a session on small engine repair!"

"When some people retire, it's going to be
mighty hard to tell the difference."



- Virginia Graham



Another Grad Retires From Retirement?!

"I am contemplating retiring from retirement and getting a job. Retirement is just too stressful, what with having to search for an acceptable answer to the frequent cocktail party question (What do you do?) and not feeling guilty when my working spouse returns home to "catch me" watching TV, it's just all too much of a burden! :-)"

"Retirement don't fit my plan
You can take your seat, I'm gonna stand
An Eskimo needs a frigidair
Like I need your rockin' chair

I don't need your rockin' chair
Your Geritol or Medicare.
I still got neon in my veins
This gray hair don't mean a thing.

I do my rockin' on the stage,
You can't put this possum in a cage
My body's old but it ain't impaired
I don't need your rockin' chair"

- "I Don't Need Your Rocking Chair"
written by Dycus, Phillips, & Yates;
sung by George Jones



Why I Like Retirement (Author unknown)

How many days in a week? 6 Saturdays,
1 Sunday

When is a retiree's bedtime? Three hours
after he falls asleep on the couch.

How many retirees to change a light bulb?
Only one, but it might take all day.

What's the biggest gripe of retirees?
There is not enough time to get everything
done.



Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors? The term comes with a 10% discount.

Among retirees, what is considered formal attire? Tied shoes.

Why do retirees count pennies? They are the only ones who have the time.

Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic, or garage? They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

What do retirees call a long lunch? Normal.

What is the best way to describe retirement? The never ending Coffee Break.

What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree? If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with? He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

"I don't plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have face-lifts until my ears meet."



- Rita Rudner

JOB SEARCH

Would You Like Fries With That?
(Author unknown)

Legend has it that this is an actual job application to McDonald's!

NAME: Deleted to protect the innocent!

SEX: Not yet. Still waiting for the right person.

DESIRED POSITION: Company's President or Vice President. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying here in the first place.

DESIRED SALARY: \$185,000 a year plus stock options and a Michael Ovitz style severance package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.

EDUCATION: Yes.

LAST POSITION HELD: Target for middle management hostility.

SALARY: Less than I'm worth.

MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT: My incredible collection of stolen pens and post-it notes.

REASON FOR LEAVING: It sucked.

HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK: Any.

PREFERRED HOURS: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?: Yes, but they're better suited to a more intimate environment.

MAY WE CONTACT YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER?: If I had one, would I be here?

DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONDITIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT YOU FROM LIFTING UP TO 50 LBS?: Of what?

DO YOU HAVE A CAR?: I think the more

appropriate question here would be "Do you have a car that runs?"

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION?: I may already be a winner of the Publishers Clearing house Sweepstakes.

DO YOU SMOKE?: On the job no, on my breaks yes.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?: Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy dumb sexy blonde super model who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.

DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?: Yes. Absolutely.

SIGN HERE: Aries.

"Change is inevitable —
except from a vending
machine."

- Robert C. Gallagher



Reasons For Leaving Last Job

(Author unknown)

- Responsibility makes me nervous.
- They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 every morning. Couldn't work under those conditions.
- Was met with a string of broken promises and lies, as well as cockroaches.
- I was working for my mom until she decided to move.
- The company made me a scapegoat -- just like my 3 previous employers.



"One of the symptoms of an approaching nervous breakdown is the belief that one's work is terribly important."

- Bertrand Russell

Meeting All Requirements

(Author unknown)

A local business was looking for office help. They put a sign in the window, stating the following: "HELP WANTED. Must be able to type, must be good with a computer and must be bilingual. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer."

A short time afterwards, a dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined.

Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. The office manager looked at the dog and was surprised, to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he lead him into the office. Inside, the dog jumped up on the chair and stared at the manager. The manager said "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type." The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager and gave it to him, then jumped back on the chair. The manager was stunned, but then told the dog "the sign says you have to be good with a computer."

The dog jumped down again and went to the computer. The dog proceeded to enter and execute a perfect program, that worked flawlessly the first time. By this

time the manager was totally dumb-founded!

He looked at the dog and said "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some interesting abilities. However, I still can't give you the job." The dog jumped down and went to a copy of the sign and put his paw on the sentences that told about being an Equal Opportunity Employer. The manager said "yes, but the sign also says that you have to be bilingual".

The dog looked at the manager calmly and said "Meow".

"I have never liked working.
To me a job is an invasion of
privacy."

- Danny McGoorty



Deceptive Job Ad (Author unknown)

The following ad in The Atlanta Journal is reported to have received numerous calls:

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call [number] and ask for Daisy.

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8-week old black Labrador retriever.

"I ain't too old to cut the mustard
I'm just too tired to spread it around."



- "Cut The Mustard"
written by Shel Silverstein;
by Jennings, Tillis, Bare, & Reed
on the "Old Dogs" album

Heavens Above! (Author unknown)

A guy gets hit by a car and goes to heaven. St. Peter tells him he must spend 24 hours in both Heaven and Hell before he chooses which one he wants (he was good so he gets a choice).

Elevator down to Hell. It's great. Pretty garden, really lovely, great golf course, great clubhouse with gourmet food, his friends are there wearing fine clothes and fancy hairdos. Satan is a lot of fun and tells great jokes and stories. He hates to leave after the 24 hours.

Heaven is nice. Peaceful, restful, soothing, soft music, everything white.

After 24 hours in Heaven, he tells St. Peter Heaven is great but he thinks he actually preferred Hell. Off he goes. Elevator door opens to a horrible scene. Dead plants and desert-like, burning garbage everywhere, it stinks. Friends are wearing nasty dirty ragged clothing with matted hair and picking up the burning trash.

He is shocked and then sees Satan and calls out, "What happened to the Hell I saw yesterday?" Satan smiles and puts his arm around him and says "Yesterday we were recruiting, today you're staff."

"The trouble with retirement is that
you never get a day off."

- Abe Lemons, U.S. basketball coach



Interview Bloopers (Author unknown)

Most unusual interviewing experiences of corporate recruiters:

- A job applicant challenged the interviewer to an arm wrestle.
- Interviewee wore a Walkman, explaining that she could listen to the interviewer and the music at the same time.
- Candidate fell and broke arm during interview.
- Candidate announced she hadn't had lunch and proceeded to eat a hamburger and french fries in the interviewer's office.
- Candidate explained that her long-term goal was to replace the interviewer.
- Candidate said he never finished high school because he was kidnapped and kept in a closet in Mexico.
- Balding Candidate excused himself and returned to the office a few minutes later wearing a headpiece.
- Applicant said if he was hired he would demonstrate his loyalty by having the corporate logo tattooed on his forearm.
- Applicant interrupted interview to phone her therapist for advice on how to answer specific interview questions.
- Candidate brought large dog to interview.
- Applicant refused to sit down and insisted on being interviewed standing up.
- Candidate dozed off during interview.

Most unusual questions recruiters have been asked by job candidates.

- "What is it that you people do at this company?"
- "What are the zodiac signs of all the board members?"
- "Why do you want references?"
- "Do I have to dress for the next interview?"
- "I know this is off the subject, but will you marry me?"
- "Will the company move my rock collection from California to Maryland?"
- "Will the company pay to relocate my horse?"
- "Would it be a problem if I'm angry most of the time?"
- "Does your company have a policy regarding concealed weapons?"



Most unusual statements made by job candidates during an interview:

- "I have no difficulty in starting or holding my bowel movement."
- "At times I have the strong urge to do something harmful or shocking."
- "Once a week, I usually feel hot all over."
- "I am fascinated by fire."
- "People are always watching me."
- "I know who is responsible for most of my troubles."
- "If the pay was right, I'd travel with the carnival."
- "I would have been more successful if nobody would have snitched on me."
- "I think I'm going to throw-up."

"Researchers at Harvard say that taking a power nap for an hour in the afternoon can totally refresh you. They say that by the time you wake up you'll feel so good, you'll be able to start looking for a new job."

~Jay Leno



Resume Bloopers *(Author unknown)*

- Education: College, August 1880-May 1984.
- Work Experience: Dealing with customers' conflicts that arouse.
- Develop and recommend an annual operating expense fudget.
- I'm a rabid typist.
- Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain operation.
- I was proud to win the Gregg Typting Award.
- Please call me after 5:30 because I am self-employed and my employer does not know I am looking for another job.
- My goal is to be a meteorologist. But since I have no training in meteorology, I suppose I should try stock brokerage.
- I procrastinate -- especially when the task is unpleasant.

"The question isn't at what age I want to retire, it's at what income."

- George Foreman



Understanding 'Help Wanted' Ads *(Author unknown)*

What we say: Competitive Salary
What we mean: We remain competitive by paying less than our competitors.

What we say: Join our fast-paced team
What we mean: We have no time to train you.

What we say: Casual work atmosphere
What we mean: We don't pay enough to expect that you'll dress up; well, a couple of the real daring guys wear earrings.

What we say: Must be deadline oriented
What we mean: You'll be six months behind schedule on your first day.

What we say: Some overtime required
What we mean: Some time each night and some time each weekend.

What we say: Duties will vary
What we mean: Anyone in the office can boss you around.

What we say: Career-minded
What we mean: Female applicants must be childless (and remain that way).

What we say: No phone calls please
What we mean: We've filled the job; our call for resumes is just a legal formality.

What we say: Seeking candidates with a wide variety of experience
What we mean: You'll need it to replace three people who just left.

What we say: Requires team leadership skills
What we mean: You'll have the responsibilities of a manager, without the pay or respect.

What we say: Must have good communication skills
What we mean: Management communicates, you listen, figure out what they want and do it.



Dress For Success *(Author unknown)*

Many of us over 55 are quite confused about how we should present ourselves. We're unsure about the kind of image we are projecting and whether or not we should try to conform to current fashions. Despite what you may have seen on the streets, the following combinations DO NOT go together and should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Miniskirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedo's and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. Inline skates and a walker
13. Thongs and Depends

Please follow these basic guidelines — especially when job hunting!

"Retirement is when you stop living at work and begin to work at living."

- Author Unknown



Effective Networking *(Author unknown)*

Jack, a smart businessman, talks to his son, Jack, Jr.: I want you to marry a girl of my choice.

Son : I will choose my own bride.

Jack: But the girl is Bill Gates' daughter.

Son : Well, in that case...

Next Jack approaches Bill Gates.

Jack: I have a husband for your daughter.

Bill Gates: But my daughter is too young to marry.

Jack: But this young man is a vice-president of the World Bank.

Bill Gates: Ah, in that case...

Finally Jack goes to see the president of the World Bank.

Jack: I have a young man to be recommended as a vice-president.

President: But I already have more vice-presidents than I need.

Jack: But this young man is Bill Gates' son-in-law.

President: Ah, in that case.....



"Yes, time flies.
And where did it leave you?
Old too soon, smart too late."

- Mike Tyson

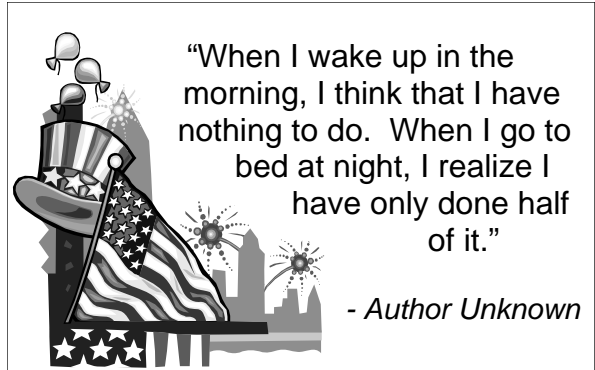
AGE

Once Over The Hill, You Pick Up Speed

(Author unknown)

- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.
- Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.
- Don't cry because it's over: smile because it happened.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

- You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.
- We cannot change the direction of the wind... but we can adjust our sails.



"When I wake up in the morning, I think that I have nothing to do. When I go to bed at night, I realize I have only done half of it."

- Author Unknown

Old Farmers' Advice (Author unknown)

Good judgment comes from experience,
and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when
you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it
a second time.

Life ain't about how fast you run, or how
high you climb, but how well you bounce.



"Age doesn't matter unless you're a
cheese."

- Billie Burke, Actress

Revised Hits From The 60's

(Author unknown)

Herman's Hermits—Mrs. Brown, You've
Got a Lovely Walker

The Bee Gees—How Can You Mend a
Broken Hip

Bobby Darin—Splish, Splash, I Was
Havin' A Flash

Ringo Starr—I Get By With a Little Help From Depends

Roberta Flack—The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

Johnny Nash—I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon—Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

The Commodores—Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom

Marvin Gaye—Heard It Through the Grape Nuts

Procol Harem—A Whiter Shade of Hair

Leo Sayer—You Make Me Feel Like Napping

The Temptations—Papa's Got a Kidney Stone

Abba—Denture Queen

Willie Nelson—On the Commode Again

Leslie Gore—It's My Procedure and I'll Cry If I Want To

"Old age ain't for sissies!"

- Bette Davis, Actress



Living Will *(Author unknown)*

I, _____ (fill in the blank), being of sound mind and body, do not wish to be kept alive indefinitely by artificial means.

Under no circumstances should my fate be put in the hands of @#%&* politicians who couldn't pass ninth-grade biology if their lives depended on it.

If a reasonable amount of time passes and I fail to sit up and ask for a cold beer, it should be presumed that I won't ever get better. When such a determination is reached, I hereby instruct my spouse,

children and attending physicians to pull the plug, reel in the tubes and call it a day.

Under no circumstances shall the members of the Legislature enact a special law to keep me on life-support machinery. It is my wish that these boneheads mind their own @#%&* business, and pay attention instead to the health, education and future of the millions of Americans who aren't in a permanent coma.

Under no circumstances shall any politicians butt into this case. It is my wish that they play politics with someone else's life and leave me alone to die in peace.

I couldn't care less if a hundred zealots send e-mails to legislators in which they pretend to care about me. I don't know these people, and I certainly haven't authorized them to crusade on my behalf. They should mind their own business, too.

If any of my family goes against my wishes and turns my case into a political cause, I hereby promise to come back from the grave and make his or her existence a living Hell.

Signature

"I ain't as good as I once was
That's just the cold hard truth
I still throw a few back, talk a little smack
When I'm feelin' bullet proof
So don't double-dog dare me now
'Cause I might have to call your bluff
I ain't as good as I once was, but I'm as good once as I ever was"

- Toby Keith and Scotty Emerick,
"As Good As I Once Was"



"Old" is when..... *(Author unknown)*

- Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Honey, I can't do both!"
- Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're bare-foot.
- A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.
- Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.
- You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.
- You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.
- "Getting a little action" means I don't need to take any fiber today.
- "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.
- An "all nighter" means not getting up to pee.

"Some call it retirement.
Some call it a Second
Career. I call it adding 5
days to the weekend!"

- Author unknown



When You're Over 50... *(Author unknown)*

- Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
- No one expects you to run into a burning building.
- People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I

wake you?"

- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- You can eat dinner at 4 p.m.
- You can live without sex (but not without glasses).
- You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
- You get into a heated argument about pension plans.
- You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- You sing along with the elevator music.
- Your eyes won't get much worse.
- Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
- Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the National Weather Service.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.
- You can't remember who sent you this.

"The closest to perfection a person ever comes is when he fills out a job application form."

- Stanley J. Randall



Great Truths *(Author unknown)*

Great truths that adults have learned:

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree
2. Wrinkles don't hurt.
3. Families are like fudge — mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
5. Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

Great truths about growing old:

1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
2. Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

"I put a dollar in one of those change machines. Nothing changed."

~ George Carlin



Planning For The Future *(Author unknown)*

Now that they are retired, my mother and father are discussing all aspects of their future. "What will you do if I die before you do?" Dad asked Mom.

After some thought, she said that she'd probably look for a house sharing situation with three other single or widowed women who might be a little younger than herself, since she is so active for her age.

Then Mom asked Dad, "What will you do if I die first?" He replied, "Probably the same thing."

"From birth to 18, a girl
needs good parents.
From 18 to 35, she needs
good looks.
From 35 to 55, good
personality.
From 55 on, she needs
good cash."



- Sophie Tucker, *Entertainer*

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Newsletter

Did you know that you can read this newsletter online? You will find it on the State Department website. Just look for FSI and the Transition Center. The address is www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc. For the few of you who are still receiving the newsletter via snail mail, you could read it sooner and save the USG some money if you cancelled your hard copy subscription (hint, hint!)



U.S. Stamps Commemorating U.S. Diplomats

On May 30th the U.S. Postal Service debuted a series of commemorative stamps honoring "Distinguished American Diplomats." The six U.S. diplomats are Hiram Bingham IV, Frances E. Willis, Robert D. Murphy, Clifton R. Wharton, Sr., Charles E. Bohlen, and Philip C. Habib.

The six diplomats featured were chosen for their contributions to international relations as negotiators, administrators, trailblazers, shapers of policy, peacemakers, and humanitarians.

These stamps are now available at U.S. Post Offices.

Biennial Survey

We sent via e-mail the 2006 survey of our retired clients on June 8th, asking that they fill it out by June 30th. We will publish the results in this newsletter as soon as possible.



"Change is such hard work."

- *Billy Crystal*

Job Fair

The next CTC Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at FSI. As of June 8th, we already had 23 companies signed up for it!



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